

Master Hunter Hunt Proposals 2012-14

Changes are Highlighted

| Hunts | Rationale |
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| Deer | |
| Republic | This hunt area is designed to keep the deer population near the town of Republic under control so we are recommending that this hunt be retained at 25 permits |
| Miller | This hunt may be replaced by a Regional pool of deer permits |
| Lakeview | This has worked pretty well, but may be replaced with a Regional pool of permits |
| Region One | We plan to create a ranked list of 30 MH hunters (in 2011 it was 10 permits) willing to come out and take a deer if and when we get complaints; this will be an added tool for dealing with damage problems; the plan is to replace any hot spot hunts with this list and if landowners don't want to deal with hunters or kill deer themselves, then a Hunt Coordinator will be assigned to help these landowners |
| GMUs 130-142 general season | Drop and replace with the previous hunt; a general season hunt over this broad area for Master Hunters really doesn't seem to fit the intent of seeking their help with addressing specific damage issues. Regular hunters can participate in general seasons and Master Hunters are really better at addressing specific damage or sensitive situations. |
| Region Two | Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| Region Four | Create a ranked list of MH for the region if complaints are received |
| Region Five | Create a ranked list of MH for the region if complaints are received |
| Region Six | Create a ranked list of MH for the region if complaints are received |
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| Elk | |
| North Region One (Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille Counties) | Create a ranked list of 10 MH for this area |
| Central Region One (Lincoln, Spokane Counties) | Create a ranked list of 20 MH for this area and keep the 6 permits in EA 1015. |
| South Region One (Whitman, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin Counties) | Create a ranked list for 10 MH in this area and eliminate the 20 permits for the Region |
| GMUs 127-142 general season—late | Replaced by above MH permit hunts and the hunt listed below; a general season hunt over this broad area for Master Hunters really doesn't seem to fit the intent of seeking their help with addressing specific damage issues. Regular hunters can participate in general seasons and Master Hunters are really better at addressing specific |

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| | damage or sensitive situations. |
| GMU 127 & 130 general antlerless only season December 9 - 31 | Our original proposal was to completely eliminate this hunt, but it was a big change and many local landowners supported continuing the opportunity. So we have changed our recommendation to retain two GMUs, antlerless only to address damage, and retain the same dates. |
| Region Two | Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| Malaga | 100 permits |
| Peshastin | 100 permits |
| Region Three | Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| Fairview | 50 |
| Rattlesnake Hills | 20 |
| 3911 general season | Retain the hunt, it seems to be working; this hunt is always under intense scrutiny from landowners and a local citizens' group so any changes must be carefully vetted; we are looking at boundary changes, modern only, and season dates for 2012 |
| 371 & 3912 general season | Retain the hunt; it seems to be functioning well with landowners |
| Region Four North | Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| Region Four South | Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| North Bend | 25 |
| Skagit River | 15 |
| Region Five | 20 permits Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| Green Mountain | 20; this hunt was new last year and seemed to function well; the Region would like to continue several of these non-HC hunts because they are low maintenance and seem to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Mossyrock | 10; same issue as above |
| Pumice Plains | 5; these hunts are in sensitive areas of the St Helens monument and the US Forest Service wants them protected; these Pumice Plain hunts must be renegotiated each year |
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| Toledo - late | 50; this hunt seems to function well despite landowner concerns; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Toledo - early | 20; this hunt seems to function well despite landowner concerns; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Ethel | 5; this hunt did not work as planned, so this problem will be addressed through the Regional pool of MHs |
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| Trout Lake - December | 3; this hunt seems to function well; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Trout Lake – early January | 3; this hunt seems to function well; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Trout Lake – late January | 3; this hunt seems to function well; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Region Six | 10; Create a ranked list of MH for the region when we get complaints |
| North River | 10; this hunt seems to function well; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Raymond | 5; this hunt seems to function well; the Region would like to continue this non-HC hunt because it is low maintenance and seems to provide constant pressure keeping elk away from the area |
| Dungeness | 10; this hunt will be dropped and the Regional pool of MHs will be used as necessary; this hunt has been relatively successful over time and with fewer elk in the population, we are looking at other strategies to manage them |
| EA 6064 Quinault Valley – general season | General season hunt for MH; this hunt will be retained; it has been criticized regularly; however other strategies have been evaluated several times, but using MH seems to work best; the issues are: trespass onto private property and into the Olympic National Park, minimizing elk use of the valley and keeping them in the Park and on USFS property, allowing local landowners to hunt in their backyard each year (they have become MH) |